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JFK Death Study Backs Warren Unit

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NEW YORK, June 26 (UPI) —The Columbia Broadcasting System said yesterday its independent investigation supported the conclusion of the Warren Commission that Lee Harvey Oswald shot President John F. Kennedy.

In the first of four hour-long broadcasts, the "CBS News Inquiry: the Warren Report" reported that amateur film taken at the assassination site in Dallas could have been running more slowly than the Commission believed.

The network also said the Mannlicher-Carcano rifle used by Oswald can be fired at least as accurately and rapidly as was indicated by the Commission.

Critics of the Commission have asserted that the amateur film taken by Abraham Zapruder, along with other evidence, indicated the assassin's bullets came faster than Oswald's rifle could fire.

CBS said its tests indicated the length of time between Oswald's first and last shots was most likely seven or eight seconds, rather than the 5.6 seconds reported by the Warren Commission.

This tends to reaffirm the Warren Commission's "single-bullet" theory that the first bullet which hit Mr. Kennedy also seriously wounded Texas Gov. John Connally, CBS said.

Basically, the scientific laboratory analysis conducted by CBS suggests that blurs in Zapruder's film were caused by his startled reaction to the sound of gunfire.

Two of the blurred frames occurred after frames showing Mr. Kennedy being hit by bullets—about the time the sound would reach the photographer and cause him to jump.